

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, IRELAND, 1897.

REPORT AND TABLES

RELATING TO

MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS;

SHOWING THEIR DISTRIBUTION IN IRELAND WHEN AT HOME; THEIR RELATIVE PROPORTION TO THE POPULATION; THEIR SOCIAL POSITION WHEN AT HOME AS MEASURED BY THE EXTENT OF THEIR HOLDINGS, IF ANY; THEIR DESTINATION; AND THE NUMBER WHO LEFT THE SEVERAL PORTS, FROM 1st JANUARY TO 31st AUGUST, 1897.

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IRISH MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS, 1897.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

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&c., &c., &c.,

LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to submit the following Report and Tables concerning Irish Agricultural Labourers who habitually seek employment at a distance from their own homes, especially in England and Scotland. These Tables, which set forth the information on the subject obtained at the homes of the migratory labourers by the enumerators of agricultural statistics, are in continuation of those presented annually since the year 1880, and are comparable with the statistics of Migratory Labourers published in the Report on the Census of Ireland for 1841.

It appears from the Tables that there were in June of this year 16,287 persons, or 3·5 per 1,000 of the population according to the Census of 1891, who had either left or intended to leave their homes to seek employment as agricultural labourers elsewhere : of these, 3,518 had not left their homes at the time of the enumeration. The corresponding number for 1896 was 16,812, showing a decrease of 75 in the present year.

As in previous Reports, the chief points of interest with regard to migratory agricultural labourers may be dealt with under the following heads :—

- I. Their distribution in Ireland when at home.
- II. Their relative proportion to the population :—
 - (a.) To the total population ;
 - (b.) To the adult male population.
- III. Their social position when at home as measured by the extent of their holdings, if any.
- IV. Their destination.

I.—*The distribution of agricultural labourers in Ireland when at home.*—This is shown in the following statement:—

TABLE L.—Showing for each County and Province the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers whose usual residence is situated therein; with the proportion of such Labourers to every 1,000 of the population, for the years 1804, 1835, 1886, and 1897, respectively.

Parishes and Counties.	Population in 1891.	Migratory Agricultural Labourers.				Rate per 1,000 according to the Census of 1891.			
		Number in 1804.	Number in 1835.	Number in 1886.	Number in 1897.	in 1804.	in 1835.	in 1886.	in 1897.
LEINSTER PROVINCE:									
Carlow County,	40,936	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dublin "	419,216	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kildare "	70,206	—	—	—	57	—	—	—	0.6
Kilkenny "	87,261	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
King's "	66,563	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loughard "	62,647	37	15	15	43	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.8
Leath "	71,038	62	13	17	19	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.3
Meath "	75,987	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Queen's "	64,883	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Westmeath "	65,109	5	—	9	—	0.1	—	0.1	—
Wexford "	111,778	1	2	1	4	—	—	—	—
Wicklow "	62,136	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MUNSTER PROVINCE:									
Cass County,	124,483	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—
Cork "	438,432	41	72	52	33	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Kerry "	179,136	93	43	88	116	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.6
Limerick "	158,912	—	9	4	6	—	0.1	—	—
Tipperary "	173,188	—	6	1	10	—	—	—	0.1
Waterford "	98,251	12	10	11	11	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
ULSTER PROVINCE:									
Antrim County,	428,128	8	18	23	24	—	—	0.1	0.1
Armagh "	143,289	184	168	150	93	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.6
Cavan "	111,917	22	16	28	18	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2
Downal "	185,635	1,643	1,669	2,534	2,469	8.3	8.5	13.7	13.3
Down "	267,039	28	20	13	16	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Fermanagh "	74,170	9	4	11	—	0.1	0.1	0.1	—
Londonderry "	152,009	28	21	13	14	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Monaghan "	86,206	58	47	29	41	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.6
Tyrone "	171,401	35	26	31	36	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
CONNAUGHT PROVINCE:									
Galway County,	214,712	1,656	1,384	1,712	1,797	7.7	6.4	8.0	8.4
Leitrim "	78,618	334	294	293	289	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.7
Mayo "	219,034	8,508	8,374	8,863	8,701	43.4	38.2	40.5	39.7
Sligo "	114,397	1,224	1,259	1,461	1,556	10.7	11.0	12.8	13.5
Sligo "	98,013	752	760	985	881	7.7	7.7	9.8	9.0
SUMMARY.									
Leinster Province,	1,187,760	105	30	42	125	0.1	—	—	0.1
Munster "	1,172,402	146	140	189	177	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Ulster "	1,619,814	1,890	1,888	2,817	2,711	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.7
Connaught "	724,774	13,474	12,081	13,294	13,224	18.6	16.6	18.3	18.2
Total of Ireland,	4,704,760	15,615	14,119	16,312	16,257	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.6

The number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers returned in 1880 was 22,900; in 1881—21,322; in 1882—16,836; in 1883—14,780; in 1884—14,413; in 1885—13,140; in 1886—12,375; in 1887—12,423; in 1888—11,723; in 1889—12,028; in 1890—14,081; in 1891—13,129; in 1892—14,783; in 1893—14,761; in 1894—15,615; in 1895—14,119; in 1896—16,312; and in 1897—16,237.

More than four-fifths of the entire number for 1897, namely, 13,224, are natives of the Province of Connaught. Of these, 8,701 come from the county of Mayo alone, which county furnishes over one-half of all the Irish migratory labourers.

They were distributed among the various Poor Law Unions in Mayo; the principal being Swineford, 4,079; Westport, 1,231; Claremorris, 1,151; and Castlebar, 926 (see Table II. and Table in Appendix). In 1841 also, Mayo was the principal source of these migratory labourers. The numbers furnished by the other counties of Connaught in 1897, are:—Galway, 1,797; Roscommon, 1,556 (including 1,408 from the portion of Castlereagh Union in this county); Sligo, 881; Leitrim, 289.

The next province in importance, as to the supply of migratory labourers, is Ulster. The total number furnished by Ulster is 2,711: of these, 2,469 (or 91·1 per cent) are natives of the county of Donegal. The numbers furnished by the various Poor Law Unions in this county include—Glenties, 1,013; Dunfanaghy, 831; Millford, 310; Inishowen, 180, the other unions furnishing but small numbers. It will be observed that the numbers for the four unions named make a total of 2,334, showing that nearly all the migratory labourers of Donegal and more than 86 per cent. of all from Ulster are natives of the very limited area along the Donegal coast comprised in these four unions. Of the Ulster counties the next in order to Donegal is Armagh, which furnishes 93, of whom 80 are natives of Newry Union. The county of Monaghan furnishes 41; Tyrone, 26; Antrim, 24; Cavan, 18; Down, 16; and Londonderry, 14. There were no migratory labourers from Fermanagh.

The province of Munster furnishes 177. They are distributed as follows:—Kerry County, 115; Cork, 33; Waterford, 11; Tipperary, 10; Limerick, 6; and Clare, 2.

The province of Leinster furnishes only 125 migratory labourers. These are principally natives of the counties of Kildare, Longford, and Louth, which respectively furnish 57, 43, and 19, or 95·2 per cent. of the whole number from this province. The only labourers from other counties in Leinster are 4 from Wexford, and 2 from Meath. There are this year no migratory labourers from Carlow, Dublin, Kilkenny, King's Co., Queen's Co., Westmeath, or Wicklow.

Comparing the foregoing analysis with the corresponding returns for the year 1896, it will be observed that the total number of migratory labourers has decreased by 75. In the province of Leinster the numbers show an increase of 83, or 197·6 per cent; in Munster an increase of 18, or 11·3 per cent. In these two provinces the numbers were so small in 1896 and 1897 that they could not have any appreciable effect on the social condition of the labouring classes or on the labour market. In Ulster the number in 1896 was 2,817, and in 1897 it is 2,711, being a decrease of 106, or 3·8 per cent. A decrease of 65 occurred in Donegal, which county is the chief residence of the migratory labourers of Ulster. The number for Connaught rose from 9,877 in 1886 to 10,148 in 1887; it fell to 9,941 in 1888, rose to 10,271 in 1889, and to 12,034 in 1890, fell to 11,069 in 1891, rose to 12,661 in 1892, fell to 12,589 in 1893, rose to 13,474 in 1894, fell to 12,061 in 1895, rose to 13,294 in 1896, and fell to 12,224 in 1897; the last number showing a decrease of 70, or 0·5 per cent., when compared with that for 1896. These figures show that a large number of the inhabitants of Connaught still pursue the avocation of migratory labourers. Mayo as usual heads the county list, showing a decrease of 162 as compared with the number for the county in 1896.

II.—*The proportion which the migratory labourers bear to the population resident in the districts from which they come is a matter of more importance than the absolute number from any particular area.* In Table I. the proportion of migratory labourers per 1,000 of the population is given. It will be observed that the proportion for the whole of Ireland is but 3·5 per 1,000, but when considered by provinces it is found that the proportion in Connaught is 18·2 per 1,000; in Ulster it is 1·7; in Munster, 0·2; and in Leinster, 0·1.

A more exact analysis of the numbers furnished by Connaught shows that in Mayo the proportion of migratory labourers to the population reached the large number of 39·7 per 1,000; in Roscommon it was 13·6; in Sligo, 9·0; in Galway, 8·4; and in Leitrim, 3·7.

In Ulster, the proportion reached 13·3 in Donegal, 0·6 in Armagh, and 0·5 in Monaghan; but in all other counties it was much under 1·0 per 1,000.

TABLE III.—Showing for each County and Province the Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers in 1897 whose usual Residence is situated therein; the Total Number of Males Twenty years of age and upwards, according to the Census of 1891, and the proportion per cent. of Migratory Labourers to the latter number.

PROVINCE AND COUNTY.	Number of Males 20 years of age and upwards.	Migratory Agricultural Labourers.		PROVINCE AND COUNTY.	Number of Males 20 years of age and upwards.	Migratory Agricultural Labourers.	
		Number.	Rate per cent.			Number.	Rate per cent.
LEINSTER PROVINCE:				ULSTER PROVINCE:			
Carlow County, . . .	11,837	—	—	Antrim County, . . .	107,391	34	—
Dublin " . . .	112,578	—	—	Armagh " . . .	37,618	93	0.2
Kildare " . . .	25,042	87	0.2	Cavan " . . .	31,087	18	0.1
Kilkenny " . . .	24,266	—	—	Donegal " . . .	49,752	2,469	5.0
King's " . . .	15,359	—	—	Down " . . .	68,121	16	—
Longford " . . .	14,894	43	0.3	Fermanagh " . . .	21,544	—	—
Louth " . . .	19,239	19	0.1	Londonderry " . . .	40,637	14	—
Meath " . . .	23,090	2	—	Monaghan " . . .	24,592	41	0.2
Queen's " . . .	19,242	—	—	Tyrone " . . .	48,782	36	0.1
Westmeath " . . .	19,925	—	—	CONNAUGHT PROVINCE:			
Wexford " . . .	32,036	4	—	Galway County, . . .	53,885	1,797	3.3
Wicklow " . . .	17,639	—	—	Leitrim " . . .	20,371	229	1.4
MUNSTER PROVINCE:				Mayo " . . .	52,047	8,701	16.7
Clare County, . . .	35,444	9	—	Rooscommon " . . .	20,263	1,559	5.1
Cork " . . .	117,987	33	—	Sligo " . . .	25,133	881	3.5
Kerry " . . .	45,027	115	0.3	SUMMARY.			
Limerick " . . .	42,357	8	—	Leinster Province, . . .	337,697	125	—
Tipperary " . . .	45,694	10	—	Munster " . . .	313,983	177	0.1
Waterford " . . .	26,472	11	—	Ulster " . . .	429,834	2,711	0.6
				Connaught " . . .	183,862	13,224	7.2
				TOTAL OF IRELAND, . . .	1,264,973	16,237	1.3

III.—The social position of the Irish Migratory Labourer at home is best estimated by the fact of his being or not being a landholder; and, if a landholder, by the extent of his holding. Table IV. contains the required information, from which it appears that of the 16,237 Irish migratory labourers 12,350 or 76.1 per cent. are not landholders. The per-centage of migratory labourers who are not landholders, is shown by provinces in the following statement:—

Connaught,	75.3
Ulster,	78.2
Leinster,	88.6
Munster,	92.7

The landholding migratory labourers are proportionally more numerous in Connaught than elsewhere, and the average amount of land held by those who are landholders is greater in that Province. The number of landholders; the number having over five acres; the number with holdings not exceeding five acres; and the per-centage of holdings not exceeding five acres are as follow:—

	Number of Migratory Labourers who are Landholders.	Holders of over five acres.	Not exceeding five acres.	Per-centage not exceeding five acres.
Connaught,	5,267	2,869	408	12.6
Ulster,	592	437	155	26.3
Munster,	18	7	6	46.2
Leinster,	15	1	14	93.5

A further reference to Table IV. will show that it is only in Connaught that any considerable number of migratory labourers hold farms exceeding an area of fifteen acres. In considering this point the low value of the land in many parts of Connaught must be borne in mind.

It will be found on analysis by counties and unions that the condition of the migratory labourers in relation to the land bears pretty much the same ratio as when considered by provinces: the proportions no doubt vary within small limits, as will be seen by inspection of the Table in the Appendix. It will be observed that of the 8,701 natives of Mayo, 2,449, or 28.1 per cent., are landholders, and of these 2,449 only 325, or 13.3 per cent., occupy holdings not exceeding five acres.

TABLE IV.—Showing, by Province, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers in 1897, not Landholders; also the number having Land, and the Size of their Holdings.

Classification of Holdings in Irish Acres.	Provinces.				Total of Ireland.
	Leinster.	Munster.	Ulster.	Connaught.	
No. of Migratory Agricultural Labourers not Landholders.	110	164	2,119	2,957	12,350
No. having —					
Holdings not exceeding 1 acre.	8	4	2	19	33
Do. above 1) 2 acres.	3	1	23	54	81
Do. " 2) 3 " "	2	—	32	79	113
Do. " 3) 4 " "	1	—	45	127	176
Do. " 4) 5 " "	—	1	30	129	160
Total No. not exceeding 5 acres.	14	6	155	458	583
Holdings above 5) 10 acres.	—	1	186	1,066	1,253
Do. " 10) 15 " "	—	—	97	844	941
Do. " 15) 20 " "	1	1	45	460	508
Do. " 20) 25 " "	—	—	16	175	191
Do. " 25) 30 " "	—	1	24	93	118
Do. " 30) 40 " "	—	2	13	96	111
Do. above 40 acres.	—	2	41	63	106
Gross Total.	125	177	2,711	3,234	14,237

IV.—*The destination of the migratory labourers* is the next point requiring special attention. The following statement shows the destination of the Migratory Labourers from each Province:—

Province.	Emigrants in Ireland.	England.	Scotland.
Leinster.	28	51	36
Munster.	160	26	1
Ulster.	117	147	2,447
Connaught.	22	12,539	633
Total.	227	12,743	3,117

It appears that 78·5 per cent. sought work in England, 19·2 per cent. in Scotland, and 2·3 per cent. in Ireland.

A comparison of the provinces shows that in Leinster of the 125 labourers, 87 sought employment in Great Britain, and 38, or 46·4 per cent., in Ireland.

In Munster, of the 177 labourers, 27 sought work in Great Britain, and 150, or 84·7 per cent., merely migrated to other parts of Ireland.

In Ulster, of the 2,711 labourers, 2,594 sought work in Great Britain (147 in England, and 2,447 in Scotland), and 117, or 4·3 per cent., sought employment in Ireland.

In Connaught, of the 12,224 labourers, 13,172 sought work in Great Britain (only 633 of these in Scotland), and but 52, or 0·4 per cent. in Ireland.

The Chairman of the Midland Great Western Railway has, with his usual kindness, furnished the statistics of "harvestmen" travelling over that Company's lines to Dublin, which will be found in the Appendix, p. 17, and the customary returns from the various provincial ports have been collected by the emigration enumerators, and a summary thereof is given on page 16.

From the two statements referred to (the Railway and Port Statistics) it would appear that 33,085 agricultural labourers travelled as Passengers journeying to seek employment at a distance from their homes. Comparing these figures with those for 1896, they show an increase of 140.

The returns for the ports show an increase from 11,027 in 1896 to 11,421 this year; in the Midland Great Western Railway returns a decrease is observed, for in 1896 the number of harvestmen carried by the Company was 21,918, whereas in 1897 the number was 21,664, or 254 less than in the previous year. The number of harvestmen who travelled over this line in 1895 was 23,688; in 1894 it was 23,613; in 1893 it was 23,535; in 1892 it was 27,071; in 1891 it was 25,659; in 1890 it was 24,535; in 1889 it was 22,495; in 1888 it was 22,800; in 1887 it was 21,355; in 1886 it was 21,698; in 1885 it was 22,610; in 1884 it was 22,500; in 1883 it was 22,111; in 1882 it was 21,422, and in 1881 it was 26,367.

It will be observed that there is a large discrepancy between the total number (33,085) given in the Railway and Port Statistics, and that (16,237) shown in the Tables compiled from the Returns made by the Enumerators of Agricultural Statistics. In considering this discrepancy, which is somewhat similar to that noticed in previous years, it should be borne in mind that a large number of the agricultural labourers who migrate annually to England pay two visits, and that this is an element which it is impossible accurately to eliminate from the emigration and railway returns. On inquiry at the Midland Great Western Railway I have been informed that, "about 2,000 go twice each year," and that, "a large number remain in the counties near Dublin," but the Emigration Returns contain no information on this point. Again, there are doubtless many persons who, at the time of the collection of the information by the Enumerators of Agricultural Statistics, did not intend to migrate, but whom circumstances subsequently led to do so, and it is equally probable that the Emigration Returns include many persons who are town labourers, not agricultural labourers. When due allowance is made for these facts, it will be found that the numbers returned by the Enumerators of Agricultural Statistics represent those who habitually pursue the avocation of migratory agricultural labourers.

I have the honour to remain,

Your Excellency's faithful servant,

THOS. W. GRIMSHAW,

Registrar-General.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,

CHARLEMONT HOUSE, DUBLIN,

14th September, 1897.

APPENDIX.

Table showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers, whose usual Residence is situated therein; the Area of their Holdings in Statute Acres; the place in which they sought or intended to seek Employment; and the Number who had not left their Homes at the time (month of June, 1897) the Commissioners took the Returns.

Province of Leinster.

COUNTIES AND POOR LAW UNIONS.	Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers in Ireland.	NUMBER OF MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS RATHER LATE, AND AREA OF THEIR HOLDINGS.											Total Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers.	WHERE EMPLOYED.			Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers who had not left their Homes at the time (month of June, 1897) the Commissioners took the Returns.
		Not exceeding 1 acre.	Above 1 and not exceeding 2 acres.	Above 2 and not exceeding 3 acres.	Above 3 and not exceeding 4 acres.	Above 4 and not exceeding 5 acres.	Total Number not exceeding 5 acres.	Above 5 and not exceeding 10 acres.	Above 10 and not exceeding 15 acres.	Above 15 and not exceeding 20 acres.	Above 20 and not exceeding 30 acres.	Above 30 and not exceeding 40 acres.		Above 40 acres.	In England.	In Scotland.	
Carlow County.																	
BUTTERFIELD, part of, "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
COULLEN, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
LYNGROUSE, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
NEW BOND, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SHILLBEECH, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total,																	
Dublin County.																	
BALMISTON, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
CHERRYBROOK, part of, "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
DOCKLAND, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
DOCKLAND, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
DOCKLAND, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total,																	
Kildare County.																	
ST. PATRICK, part of, "	25	1	3				4							30	3	30	
ST. PATRICK, " "	1																
ST. PATRICK, " "	1																
Total,	27	1	3				4							30	3	30	
Kilkenny County.																	
CALLAN, part of, "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
CALLAN, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
CALLAN, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
CALLAN, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
CALLAN, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total,																	
King's County.																	
EDMUNDS, part of, "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
EDMUNDS, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
EDMUNDS, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total,																	
Longford County.																	
LONGFORD, part of, "	4													4			
LONGFORD, " "	27													27			
Total,	31													31			
Louth County.																	
LOUTH, part of, "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
LOUTH, " "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total,	28													28			

TABLE showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers, &c.—continued.

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Province of Munster.

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MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS.

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TABLE showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers, &c.—continued.

COUNTIES AND POOR LAW UNIONS.	Number of Migratory Labourers Local Union.	NUMBER OF MONTHLY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS ENGAGED, AND AREA OF THOSE HOLDINGS.										Total Number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers.	Where Employed.			Number of Migratory Labourers engaged not fully paid wages at the end of the month, which are to be employed in the next month.
		Not exceeding 1 acre.	Above 1 and not ex- ceeding 2 acres.	Above 2 and not ex- ceeding 3 acres.	Above 3 and not ex- ceeding 4 acres.	Above 4 and not ex- ceeding 5 acres.	Above 5 and not ex- ceeding 6 acres.	Above 6 and not ex- ceeding 7 acres.	Above 7 and not ex- ceeding 8 acres.	Above 8 and not ex- ceeding 9 acres.	Above 9 and not ex- ceeding 10 acres.		In England.	In Scotland.	Elsewhere in Britain.	
Oak County, W.M.																
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
TOTAL,	14											14				
Essex County.																
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
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Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
TOTAL,	122											122				
Essex County.																
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
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Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
TOTAL,	5											5				
Essex County, N.B.																
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
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Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
TOTAL,	10											10				
Essex County, S.B.																
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
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Barnes, part of,	1											1				
TOTAL,	11											11				
Essex County.																
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
Barnes, part of,	1											1				
TOTAL,	11											11				

(a) Comprising 1 each of 15 and 74 acres.

MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS

TABLE showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migratory Agricultural Labourers. *do.—continued*

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(a) 44 acres. (b) 48 acres. (c) 58 acres. (d) Comprising 1 each of 55, 44, 48, 49, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, and 81 acres; 2 each of 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, and 100 acres; and 1 of 101 acres each. (e) Comprising 1 each of 42 each of acres, and 3 of 53 acres each.

TABLE showing, by Counties and Poor Law Unions, the number of Migrant Agricultural Labourers, &c.—continued.

COUNTIES AND POOR LAW UNIONS	Number of Migrant Agricultural Labourers and their families.	NUMBER OF Migrant Agricultural Labourers in Labouring Parties, LAND, AND AREA OF SOILS, &c.										Total Number of Migrant Agricultural Labourers.	Where emigrated.			
		Field working 1 acre.	1 acre 1 and not over 2 acres.	2 acres 1 and not over 3 acres.	3 acres 1 and not over 4 acres.	4 acres 1 and not over 5 acres.	Total Number and area of working 5 acres.	5 acres 1 and not over 6 acres.	6 acres 1 and not over 7 acres.	7 acres 1 and not over 8 acres.	8 acres 1 and not over 9 acres.		In England.	In Scotland.	Ships to Ireland.	Number of Migrant Agricultural Labourers and their families, who have emigrated in the year 1897.
Sligo County.																
Ballyvaughan, part of, . . .	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	3	2	-	5
Ballyvaughan, part of, . . .	145	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	34	-	-	135	170	2	-	8
Ballyvaughan, part of, . . .	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	13	24	4	-	14
Ballyvaughan, part of, . . .	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	6	-	-	5
Ballyvaughan, part of, . . .	810	-	-	-	-	-	10	31	28	8	7	816	610	4	-	10
Total.	720	1	3	4	5	11	40	40	14	12	7	11	610	61	2	101
SUMMARY BY PROVINCES.																
PROVINCES																
Leinster, . . .	135	8	3	3	1	-	14	-	8	-	-	-	135	31	36	39
Munster, . . .	140	4	1	-	-	1	6	1	-	1	-	2	137	26	1	31
Ulster, . . .	2,119	2	28	35	49	80	186	180	97	90	16	24	2,113	147	2,447	341
Connaught, . . .	2,207	16	24	28	127	159	456	1,456	344	495	135	58	2,224	12,658	535	2,658
Total of Ireland.	12,396	29	61	112	179	160	362	1,237	543	596	104	115	16,337	15,743	5,317	5,318

(a) Comprising 1 each of 41, 61, 63, 65, 67, 70, 72, 75, 80, 81, and 103 acres, and 7 each of 42 and 45 acres.

RETURN showing the Number of LABOURERS who left each of the undermentioned PORTS from the 1st January, 1897, to the 31st August, 1897, for temporary employment in England or Scotland.

Ports.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Total to the end of August.
Bellinagh, . . .	3	16	13	-	45	111	13	22	220
Bellinagh, . . .	225	367	410	361	338	392	46	141	2,630
Coleraine, . . .	15	28	19	27	21	17	18	10	180
Cork, . . .	4	6	2	61	85	38	31	13	240
Drogheda, . . .	7	6	7	7	15	9	19	7	80
Dundalk, . . .	29	75	114	72	81	107	37	5	590
Galway, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Greenore, . . .	50	35	30	154	148	173	46	28	735
Larne, . . .	123	122	135	125	146	168	155	201	1,191
Larne, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Londonderry, . . .	344	389	444	605	519	637	540	373	3,551
Newry, . . .	60	15	29	31	81	47	46	44	336
Portrush, . . .	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	11
Sligo, . . .	76	111	120	190	107	333	111	48	1,186
Warrenpoint, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waterford, . . .	14	50	24	29	33	27	34	14	185
Wexford, . . .	-	-	14	81	88	159	-	-	342
Wexford, . . .	4	6	5	2	7	10	13	6	55
Total.	964	1,116	1,436	1,446	2,282	2,178	1,113	836	11,631

NUMBER of HARVESTMEN conveyed over the MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY SYSTEM from the undersubscribed STATIONS to DUBLIN, during the Season of 1897.

Station.	Number of Harvestmen.	Port of Origin.	County.
Athlone,	41	Athlone,	Roscommon.
Ballinasloe,	85	Ballinasloe,	Galway.
Woodlawn,	350	Do.	Do.
Athlone,	421	Loughrea,	Do.
Downmore,	490	Roscommon,	Do.
Longford,	85	Longford,	Longford.
Downmore,	86	Mohill,	Leitrim.
Carriek-on-Shannon,	32	Carriek-on-Shannon,	Do.
Boyle,	122	Boyle,	Roscommon.
Ballynasc,	694	Sligo,	Sligo.
Sligo,	9	Do.	Do.
Ballynasc,	5	Do.	Do.
Edmondstown,	51	Castlerea,	Mayo.
Ballaghaderreen,	2,816	Do.	Do.
Roscommon,	355	Roscommon,	Roscommon.
Ballynasc,	316	Glenasmaddy,	Galway.
Castlerea,	566	Castlerea,	Roscommon.
Ballinlough,	1,147	Do.	Do.
Ballynasc,	3,119	Chesham,	Mayo.
Chesham,	2,303	Do.	Do.
Ballynasc,	509	Castlerea,	Do.
Ballynasc,	122	Do.	Do.
Manilla,	1,040	Do.	Do.
Castlerea,	854	Westport,	Do.
Westport,	1,928	Swinsford,	Do.
Foxford,	1,343	Ballina,	Do.
Ballina,	14	Sligo,	Sligo.
Collooney,	399	Boyle,	Do.
Kilrea,	20	Kilrea,	Mayo.
Ballinacree,	99	Ballinacree,	Do.
Hollymount,	62	Do.	Do.
Newport,	221	Westport,	Do.
Ballyvary,	443	Castlerea,	Do.
Ashill Road,	714	Westport,	Do.
Mallacross,	564	Do.	Do.
Total,	31,566		

DUBLIN CASTLE,

15th September, 1897.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Report and Tables relating to Migratory Agricultural Labourers—Agricultural Statistics, Ireland, 1897.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. DOUGHERTY.

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Rutland Square.